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- X Form PTO-1449 list of five (5) references submitted for consideration.
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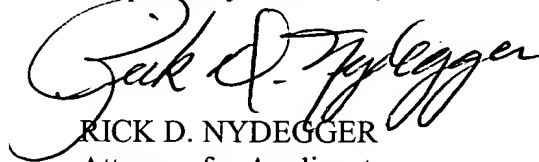
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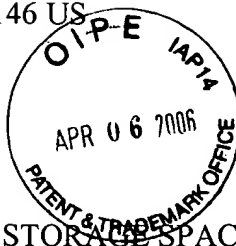
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